

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of April 17, 2007 is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 5 in view of the prior art. However, the Examiner also indicated that claims 22-23, 25, and 27-33 are allowed. As a result, claims 1-3 and 5 have now been cancelled as indicated above so as to immediately place this application in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

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